

AN ACT

relating to the Texas System of Care and the development of local mental health systems of care for certain children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter G-1, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER G-1. DEVELOPING LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ~~[CARE]~~ SYSTEMS OF CARE FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN

SECTION 2. Section 531.251, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 531.251. TEXAS SYSTEM OF CARE ~~[PILOT PROJECT]~~ CONSORTIUM~~[, EXPANSION PLAN]~~. (a) The commission shall form a consortium to have responsibility ~~[develop criteria]~~ for and oversight over a state system of care ~~[implement the expansion of the Texas Integrated Funding Initiative pilot project and]~~ to develop local mental health systems of care ~~[systems]~~ in communities for minors who are receiving residential mental health services or inpatient mental health hospitalization or who are at risk of being removed from the minor's home and placed in a more restrictive environment to receive mental health services, including an inpatient mental health hospital, a residential treatment facility, or a facility or program operated by the Department of Family and Protective Services or an agency that is part of the juvenile justice system ~~[placement to receive mental~~

1 ~~health services~~].

2 (a-1) The consortium must include:

3 (1) representatives of the [Texas] Department of State
4 [Mental] Health Services [~~and Mental Retardation~~], Department of
5 Family and Protective [~~and Regulatory~~] Services, Health and Human
6 Services Commission's Medicaid program, Texas Education Agency,
7 [~~Texas Youth Commission,~~] Texas Juvenile Justice Department
8 [~~Probation Commission~~], and Texas Correctional Office on Offenders
9 with Medical or Mental Impairments;

10 (2) one youth or young adult who has a serious
11 emotional disturbance and has received mental health services and
12 supports; or

13 (3) a family member of a youth or young adult described
14 by Subdivision (2) [~~Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and an~~
15 equal number of family advocates].

16 (a-2) The consortium may coordinate with the Children's
17 Policy Council for the purposes of including the representation
18 required by Subsections (a-1)(2) and (3).

19 (b) The commission and the consortium shall:

20 (1) maintain [~~develop~~] a comprehensive plan [~~model and~~
21 guidelines] for the delivery of mental health services and supports
22 [~~support~~] to a minor and a minor's family using a system of care
23 framework[~~, initiated before the person's 18th birthday~~],
24 including best practices in the financing, administration,
25 governance, and delivery of those services;

26 (2) implement strategies [~~establish a plan~~] to expand
27 the use of system of care practices [~~Texas Integrated Funding~~

1 ~~Initiative so that the initiative may operate]~~ in the planning and
2 delivery of services throughout the state ~~[up to six communities];~~
3 ~~[and]~~

4 (3) identify appropriate local, ~~[sources of]~~ state,
5 and federal funding sources to finance infrastructure and mental
6 health services needed to support state and local system of care
7 efforts; and

8 (4) develop an evaluation system to measure outcomes
9 of state and local system of care efforts ~~[under the initiative from~~
10 ~~a central fund for expansion communities].~~

11 (b-1) Not later than November 1 of each even-numbered year,
12 the consortium shall submit a report to the legislature and the
13 Council on Children and Families that contains an evaluation of the
14 outcomes of the Texas System of Care and recommendations on
15 strengthening state policies and practices that support local
16 systems of care, including recommendations relating to:

17 (1) methods to increase access to effective and
18 coordinated services and supports;

19 (2) methods to increase community capacity to
20 implement local systems of care through training and technical
21 assistance;

22 (3) use of cross-system performance and outcome data
23 to make informed decisions at individual and system levels; and

24 (4) strategies to maximize public and private funding
25 at the local, state, and federal levels.

26 SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 531.255, Government
27 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 (a) The commission and the [~~Texas~~] Department of State
2 ~~[Mental]~~ Health Services [~~and Mental Retardation~~] jointly shall
3 monitor the progress of the [~~expansion~~] communities that implement
4 a local system of care, including monitoring cost avoidance and the
5 net savings that result from implementing a local system of care.

6 SECTION 4. Section 531.257, Government Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 531.257. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR [~~GRANT~~] PROJECTS.
9 The commission may provide technical assistance to a community that
10 implements a local system of care [~~receives a grant under Section~~
11 ~~531.256~~].

12 SECTION 5. Sections 531.252, 531.253, and 531.254,
13 Subsections (b), (c), and (d), Section 531.255, and Sections
14 531.256 and 531.258, Government Code, are repealed.

15 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 421 passed the Senate on April 11, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 23, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 421 passed the House, with amendment, on May 20, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor